

Department Source: Police

To: City Council

From: City Manager & Staff

Council Meeting Date: December 15, 2025

Re: Memorandum of Understanding with the United States Capitol Police for Reimbursement of Protective Services

Impacted Ward: Citywide

Executive Summary

Staff requests approval for the City of Columbia, Missouri to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the United States Capitol Police (USCP). The MOU establishes the terms and conditions under which Columbia Police Department (CPD) may, upon request and subject to availability, provide protective support for Members of Congress during events or operations occurring within the City of Columbia.

USCP will reimburse CPD for all agreed-upon law enforcement services, including personnel overtime, equipment and related expenses.

This agreement does not obligate CPD to provide services, nor does it require USCP to reimburse expenses that were not coordinated directly with USCP. The MOU may be terminated by either party with 30 days' written notice.

Discussion

The United States Capitol Police is statutorily required under **2 U.S.C. § 1966** to provide protection to Members of Congress when security considerations require it. When Members participate in events within the City of Columbia or Boone County, USCP may request support from local law enforcement agencies to augment protective operations.

Given the growing number of Congressional visits and political events held within Columbia, this MOU formalizes the reimbursement process and clarifies communication channels between the agencies.

The MOU:

- Identifies Columbia Police Department as the local jurisdiction providing support.
- Establishes that CPD must voluntarily agree to each request based on available resources.
- Requires CPD to maintain communication with USCP leadership during protective operations.
- Requires CPD to provide itemized expense documentation to USCP after services are rendered.
- Requires USCP to promptly reimburse CPD for eligible expenses.

This agreement benefits public safety by ensuring federal protective operations can be supported without placing unplanned financial strain on the City of Columbia.

Fiscal Impact

Short-Term Impact: No anticipated fiscal impact - all eligible costs will be fully reimbursed by the USCP.

Long-Term Impact: No anticipated fiscal impact – all eligible costs will be fully reimbursed by the USCP.

Strategic & Comprehensive Plan Impact

Strategic Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Safe Community, Secondary Impact: Not Applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Comprehensive Plan Impacts:

Primary Impact: Inter-Governmental Cooperation, Secondary Impact: Not applicable, Tertiary Impact: Not Applicable

Legislative History

Date	Action
N/A	N/A

Suggested Council Action

Staff recommends approval of the Memorandum of Understanding between City of Columbia, Missouri and the United States Capitol Police for reimbursement of protective law enforcement services, and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement.